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TO AMEMBASSY CAIRO

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SUBJECT: OMB STAFF TRIP TO MIDDLE EAST

1. EDWARD G. SANDERS, DEPUTY ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS OF OMB AND PHILIP A. DUSAULT CHIEF, ECONOMIC AFFAIRS BRANCH WILL VISIT ADDRESSEE POSTS DURING PERIOD AUGUST 15 TO SEPTEMBER 1. TRIP, WHICH IS WORKING-LEVEL FOLLOW-UP TO RECENT LYNN TRIP, WILL BE CONCERNED WITH SUBJECTS RELATING PRIMARILY TO ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE IN PREPARATION FOR FY 1978 BUDGET PROCESS WHICH COMMENCES IN OCTOBER.

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2. FOLLOWING IS TENTATIVE ITINERARY:

AUGUST 15 ARRIVE CAIRO VIA AIR FROM WASHINGTON
AUGUST 19 LEAVE CAIRO VIA AIR/ ARRIVE DAMASCUS
AUGUST 22 LEAVE DAMASCUS VIA AUTOMOBILE/ARRIVE AMMAN
AUGUST 25 LEAVE AMMAN VIA AUTOMOBILE/CROSS ALLENBY
BRIDGE/ARRIVE TEL AVIV
SEPTEMBER 1 LEAVE TEL AVIV VIA AIR/ARRIVE WASHINGTON

MORE DETAILED ITINERARY WILL BE SENT AS SOON AS FLIGHT INFORMATION AVAILABLE.

3. FOLLOWING IS SPECIFIC PROGRAM GUIDANCE:

A. FOR CAIRO: TOPICS OF SPECIAL CONCERN INCLUDE AID

REQUIREMENTS, FUTURE FOREIGN INVESTMENT AND PLANS FOR ECONOMIC REFORM.

B. FOR DAMASCUS: PLEASE SCHEDULE APPOINTMENTS WITH MINISTER ECONOMY AND OTHER APPROPRIATE SAG OFFICIALS INVOLVED WITH AID PROGRAM.

C. FOR AMMAN: PLEASE SCHEDULE APPOINTMENTS WITH CROWN PRINCE HASSAN AND APPROPRIATE ECONOMICS AND DEFENSE MINISTRY OFFICIALS.

D. FOR TEL AVIV: PLEASE ARRANGE MEETINGS WITH FINANCE MINISTRY, BUDGET, COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, BANK OF ISRAEL, AND MILITARY OFFICIALS. SPECIAL CONCERNS INCLUDE IMPACT OF RECENT ECONOMIC POLICY MEASURES AND ISRAELI FINANCING REQUIREMENTS FOR MILITARY AND CIVILIAN IMPORTS.

4. POSTS REQUESTED TO APPOINT CONTROL OFFICER, RESERVE TWO SINGLE ROOMS FOR NIGHTS INDICATED, MEET AND ASSIST AND MAKE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS FOR LAND TRAVEL AND BORDER CROSSINGS, ADVISING DEPARTMENT IF VEHICLE RENTALS WILL BE NECESSARY. PASSPORT DATA FOR BRIDGE CROSSING WILL FOLLOW.

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